

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A package is disclosed having a first sleeve and a second sleeve. Each sleeve has at least one side wall and is closed at one end by an end wall. The second sleeve is sized so as to be capable of moving in a telescopic fashion on the first sleeve. An array of compressible articles is enclosed between the first and second sleeves which form an enclosed package. Each article has at least one planar surface aligned substantially parallel to at least one of the end walls and is held in compression in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the planar surface. The package also has an attachment and release member securing the first and second sleeves together after the articles have
10 been compressed.